



GAME NOTES

Vernon Vipers
at
Wenatchee Wild



Sunday March 31, 2019
7:05 pm

BCHL INTERIOR CONFERENCE FINAL – Game 2

Tonight the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild meet the #4 seed Vernon Vipers in Game 2 of the BCHL Interior Conference Finals. The series will follow a 2-2-1-1-1 format. Games 3 and 4 will be played in Vernon on Tuesday and Wednesday.

HEAD TO HEAD (REG.SEASON): The Wild went 3-2-1 head-to-head with the Vipers in the regular season. Each team won twice on the road. All-time, Wenatchee is 11-5-1-1 against Vernon, and 4-2-2 at home. The Wild finished 7 points ahead of the Vipers this season.

THIS SERIES: Last night, the Vipers pulled out to a 3-0 lead early in the second before the Wild mounted a valiant comeback to knot the score at 3-3. 26 seconds into overtime, a Viper point shot caromed off a Wild stick for the game winner, lifting Vernon to a 1-0 series advantage.

POSTSEASON HISTORY: The two teams have met once in the postseason, and that was last season in the second round. Vernon won the first two games on home ice, and the Wild came back to win four straight, the last two coming in overtime.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Wild captain **Lucas Sowder** (9g, 11a) continues to lead the entire BCHL in scoring this postseason, while **Murphy Stratton** (5g, 11a) and **PJ Fletcher** (7g, 6a) rank in the top 12. The Vipers are led by their captain, Jagger Williamson (4g, 10a), Michael Young (5g, 6a), Jesse Lansdell (4g, 7a), and Matt Kowalski (5g, 4a).

GOALTENDING: Veteran netminder **Austin Park** has a 7-2 postseason record, with a 2.88 GAA and .883 save percentage. Vipers goalie Aiden Porter is 9-4 in the playoffs, with a 2.50 GAA and .902 save percentage.

SPECIAL TEAMS:	WEN PP – 10/46	21.7%	4th	WEN PK – 5/33	84.8%	5th
(POSTSEASON)	VER PP – 7/35	20.0%	6th	VER PK – 6/43	86.0%	4th

PLAYOFF PATH: Wenatchee advanced to the second round after defeating West Kelowna in seven games, and Cowichan Valley in six games. Vernon advanced by eliminating Salmon Arm in five games, and Trail in seven games.

MOVING ON: The series shifts to Kal Tire Place in Vernon, BC for Games 3 and 4 on Tuesday and Wednesday. If required, Games 5 and 7 would be in Wenatchee, with Game 6 back in Vernon.

COASTAL CONFERENCE: The Coastal Conference Final series played Game 2 last night in Prince George, and the Spruce Kings won 4-2 to take a 2-0 series lead, headed to Victoria for Games 3 and 4. The winner of that series will face the winner of the Wenatchee / Vernon series in the Fred Page Cup Finals.

MEDIA: Tonight's game will be aired locally on "NewsRadio 560 KPQ" and streamed free world wide, and also available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

